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Thanksgiving Proclamation

BY THE

GOVERNOR OF DAKOTA TERRITORY.

In accordance with the Proclamation of the President of the United States, and a time-honored usage of this country, **I, Newton Edmunds,** *Governor of Dakota Territory, do hereby appoint the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God for His great mercies and many blessings during the past year;---in that, He has preserved our lives, blessed us with health, and given us an abundant harvest; in that, He has protected us from the hands of the cruel and relentless savage, and kept us from all harm.*

Let us thank God for the immortal triumphs of our arms in this great struggle for our National preservation, and let us thank Him also for the bravery, indomitable energy and perseverance of our citizen soldiers. Let us thank God for the preservation of our free institutions, won by the fortitude, bravery and blood of our fathers, and handed down to us with their blessing. Let us acknowledge before God our manifold and grievous sins as a Nation, and with a firm reliance on the Great Ruler of the Universe, commit our cause to Him, in whose hands are the destinies of Nations.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Territory to be affixed.

Done at the City of Yankton, Dakota Territory, this 26th day of October, A. D., 1863.

NEWTON EDMUNDS.